

Media Release

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS OPEN TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY

The Allan Labor Government is calling on councils to apply for grants to improve road safety for vulnerable road users in their communities.

This year's 2025 Transport Accident Commission (TAC) Local Government Grant Program has opened for projects that prevent crashes, particularly those involving pedestrians and cyclists.

The program invites all local government authorities (LGAs) to apply for projects that are aligned with the Victorian Road Safety Strategy (2021-2030) and adopt Safe System principles.

The Safe System is a holistic approach to road safety that recognises different elements of the road system must work together to keep everyone safe. These elements include roads and roadsides, vehicles, travel speeds and road users.

Funding available:

- Infrastructure grants of up to \$100,000 with a conditional one-to-one contribution from the LGA to implement cost-effective infrastructure designed to reduce crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists
- Analysis grants of up to \$30,000 to investigate pedestrian and cyclist road safety issues and develop concepts related to speed management and infrastructure treatments
- Grants of up to \$50,000 to develop a Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan
- Grants of up to \$30,000 to purchase variable message signs.

Last year, 49 grants were provided across 38 LGAs including Hindmarsh Shire Council which will install a wombat crossing to improve safety outside an aged care facility, while City of Monash's trail walkers can now access Scotchmans Creek Trail more safely thanks to improvements to a new shared user path crossing.

The TAC will host a briefing session on Friday, 20 June, with pre-application support available for all LGAs to provide project guidance and ensure alignment with the program objectives.

For more information visit tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/local-government-grants.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"Local governments play an important role in reducing the number of lives lost on Victoria's roads because they're aware of the road safety concerns within their local communities."

"Walking and cycling are great ways to stay healthy and get around, and these grants will not only improve the safety of vulnerable road users but continue to foster liveable cities that encourage active transport."

Quotes attributable to Transport Accident Commission CEO Tracey Slatter

"We cannot accept road trauma as inevitable – no one should be killed or seriously injured on our roads and the TAC Local Government Grant Program is about supporting local councils in protecting the people who use the roads in their areas."

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